

Application No. 10/074,466
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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-10, 12-14 and 17-25 were rejected. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 15-16 are allowed; and claims 11 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have canceled that the rejected claims 1-10, 12-14 and 17-25 and the objected claims 11 and 26 without prejudice. Thus, the rejections and objections of claims are moot.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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